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Indonesia: The Indonesian Congress yesterday declared Sukarno "no longer capable" of fulfilling his presidential duties and named General Suharto acting president.

This compromise congressional decree, [which closely follows earlier suggestions of General Suharto,] makes it unlikely that Sukarno will be brought to trial as students and other activists have demanded.

The decree requires a judicial "settlement" of Sukarno's past activities but leaves its implementation to acting President Suharto. Suharto has recently and publicly opposed bringing Sukarno to trial.

The nation had been well prepared for Congress' removal of Sukarno. Since the decree avoids the specific dismissal of Sukarno and bypasses the issue of his trial no significant reaction from Sukarno's supporters is likely.

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